

(b) The Law Commission of India circulated in November, 2000 a "Working Paper on Review of the Advocates Act, 1961". The Commission has discussed the issue of entry of foreign law consultants into India, in the light of the provisions of the GATS, in Chapter IV of the Working Paper. The Commission has received responses from various agencies and persons, but it had yet not forwarded any recommendation on the subject to the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

**Time limit for clearance of arrears by Fast Track Courts**

1615. SHRI K.M. SADFULLAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts set-up in the country upto 30th June, 2001;

(b) the number of cases transferred to these courts for quick disposal;

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for clearing the arrears by these courts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JATTLEY): (a) As per available information, 459 Fast Track Courts have been set-up in the country upto 30th June, 2001.

(b) These courts have started functioning recently. Hence, information regarding the number of cases transferred to these courts is not available.

(c) and (d) As per the recommendation of the Eleventh Finance Commission, each Fast Track Court is expected to dispose of 14 sessions cases or 20—25 other criminal/civil cases per month.

**Law Colleges Affiliated to Bar Council of India**

1616. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of law Colleges in the Country affiliated to the Bar Council of India;

(b) the number of Law Colleges in Andhra Pradesh affiliated to the BCI;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently BCI has withdrawn affiliation to some of the colleges in the country; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

[6 August, 2001 ]

RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) As informed by the Bar Council of India, the total number of Law Colleges in the country, as per the list maintained by the Council, is 414.

(b) The number of Law Colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh having approval of affiliation of the Bar Council of India is 43.

(c) The Bar Council of India has declined approval of affiliation/ continuance of approval of affiliation to various Law Colleges in the country, from time to time. The figures for the last six years are as under:—

| Year | New Law Colleges refused | Existing Law Colleges refused |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1995 | 7                        | 1                             |
| 1996 | 8                        | 3                             |
| 1997 | 17                       | 29                            |
| 1998 | 48                       | 17                            |
| 1999 | 23                       | 12                            |
| 2000 | 8                        | 10                            |

(d) The reasons for withdrawing or declining approval of affiliation to Law Colleges by the Bar Council of India are mainly lack of infrastructure, poor library facilities, absence of fulltime teachers, shortage of proper accommodation and fact of certain colleges being multi faculty colleges having common facilities.

#### **Legal aid to poor people in Himachal Pradesh**

1617. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount fixed for legal aid to poor people under the "legal aid to poor" in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of poor people in the State, particularly in far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh who have received free legal aid during the last three years district-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government have made any survey in this behalf; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Under the provisions of section 12 of the Legal Services